

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Divisional Application of	)	Group Art Unit: 3729
Jeffrey S. Lille	)	
Serial No.: 10/601,982	) .	Examiner: Kim, Paul D.
Filing Date: 6/20/03	)	
For: METAL CARBIDE AIR BEARING	)	
SURFACE LAYER ON A SILICON	)	
READ/WRITE HEAD ELEMENT	)	

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Rule 1.136, the applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one month extension of time extending to December 28, 2004, the period for response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004. A check for \$120 for the Extension of Time fee is attached hereto. If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from becoming abandoned, or for any other reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0585. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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